

CRANE POND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(Groveland/Georgetown/Newbury/West Newbury)

GENERAL: Multiple parcels totaling 2,123 acres of low, rolling hills and marshland

varying roughly 120 feet in elevation.

U.S.G.S. Quads: Newburyport, Haverhill, Lawrence, Ipswich

VEGETATION: The hills were once cleared and used for pasture, but the fields were

abandoned approximately 60 years ago, and young pines and mixed

hardwoods have since reclaimed the habitat. A series of openings have been made and maintained, however, by forestry operations. A high-tension line

also provides open cover and easy access. Buttonbush, leatherleaf and alder dominate

marshy areas around the pond.

WATER: The Parker River, a stocked trout water, flows through the southern portion

of the area, and there are two small, warm water ponds along the river. Both ponds contain pickerel, largemouth bass and panfish. There are also two warm water streams, Knobble Squid Brook and Beaver Brook, on the area,

but they are not stocked.

WILDLIFE: Pheasants are stocked every day but Sunday throughout the season. Native

species include ruffed grouse, waterfowl, snowshoe hare, cottontail rabbit, gray squirrel, woodcock, deer, aquatic furbearers and numerous nongame

species.

SPECIAL

REGULATIONS: Note that this area is divided into five parts by roads and that parking is

provided at well-spaced lots along these roads. Also note that a "hunter orange" hat is required wear for hunters during the pheasant season.